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Conyers quits leadership role amid investigation

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WASHINGTON

U.S. Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., the longest serving member of Congress, stepped aside as the top Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee amid growing internal pressure as an ethics investigation begins into sexual harassment allegations.

Conyers, 88, said he would not resign from Congress and instead would fight the allegations in the hope of reclaiming his spot atop the committee overseeing federal laws and other legal issues. "I very much look forward to vindicating myself and my family before the House Committee on Ethics," he wrote in a letter to House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., Sunday.

Conyers, 88, settled a sexual harassment allegation brought by a former staffer, leaving her on the payroll as a temporary employee and paying out just under $30,000.

Pelosi issued a statement immediately after Conyers's announcement: "I particularly take any accusation of sexual harassment very seriously. Any credible accusation must be reviewed by the Ethics Committee expeditiously. We are at

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Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., has said he won't resign from Congress.

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Medical marijuana plants have been growing for months in Texas.

Medical marijuana will soon be for sale in Texas

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In just a few weeks, medical marijuana will legally be sold in Texas.

The plants are nearly finished growing in South-Central Texas, which means workers will soon harvest and cultivate them, drying them out and preparing to extract low-level cannibidiol.

Once that medicine is in a liquid form, and packaged in drops, the first sales of medical marijuana — geared to help Texans with intractable epilepsy — will occur before the end of this year.

"It's very, very exciting," said Jose Hidalgo, chief executive officer of Cansortium Holdings, the Florida-based parent company of Cansortium Texas. "Nothing in life ever goes as planned.

"But so far, this has gone as

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FORT WORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY

'STAYING POWER'

E-readers, millennials haven't spelled doom for libraries

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Fort Worth Library director Manya Shorr says reports of print books' demise have been greatly exaggerated.

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MILLENNIALS ARE MORE LIKELY TO HAVE VISITED A PUBLIC LIBRARY IN THE PAST YEAR THAN ANY OTHER ADULT GENERATION, ACCORDING TO THE PEW RESEARCH CENTER.

Good news, bookworms. Despite a decade of grim predictions and doomsday headlines, Fort Worth Library director Manya Shorr says the demand for print books is still alive and well in Cowtown.

Shorr, who came to Fort Worth from the Washington, D.C., Public Library in September and has more than 20 years of experience in public libraries, is an avid e-reader. But she's quick to point out that recent data shows she's part of a small minority.

"When everyone was predicting the death of print, I think they were forgetting this emotional connection that people have to print," Shorr said. "What you hear from a lot of people is they love how it feels in their hand. They love how it smells," Shorr said.

The circulation numbers in Fort Worth mirror the findings nationally.

The Pew Research Center found in 2016 that 65 percent of Americans have read a print book in the past year, more

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OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING AT MALL

A suspect was injured after a police officer had to open fire inside the Parks Mall in Arlington on Sunday afternoon, police said. **5A**

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CHEERLEADER KILLED IN CRASH

Rhyan Moody, 14-year-old girl from Euless, was killed on Thanksgiving night as she was headed home from her grandparents' house. **4A**

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